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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.
2. This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.
3. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-9, drawn to an apparatus.

Group II, claim(s) 10-18, drawn to a method of making a load indicating thread-forming fastener.

Group III, claim(s) 19-28, drawn to a method of measuring a load in a fastener.

Group IV, claim(s) 29-38, drawn to a method of measuring a load in a fastener.

4. The inventions listed as **Groups I-IV** do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

5. The groups fail to meet the requirements of PCT Rule 13.2 in that they present an illegal combination of different categories of inventions. According to Rule 13.2, only one invention in each category (product, process or apparatus) may be permitted.

Groups I-IV present a product, a process of making the product and two uses of the product.

Conclusion

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement, in order to be considered complete, must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan Dunlap whose telephone number is (571) 270-1335. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5 with every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Lefkowitz can be reached on (571) 272-2180. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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